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Over the last four years, the Mulroney government has followed a trend towards a less humanitarian economic strategy. They have placed more stress on freeing the market while neglecting the injustices that follow from unobstructed capitalism.

The consequences of neo-conservatism are readily evident in many Western-developed countries. The role which organized labour plays in the economic system has been seriously challenged. As a result, a progressive distribution of wealth has been totally disregarded.

Mulroney's policies of free trade, deregulation and privatization are simply a logical continuation of this trend. The effects from these policies will be wide spread and move way beyond the sphere of economics.

Mark Quinn

Joyce Lombardi

All the gains that working women and men have made over the last 100 years—medicare, unemployment insurance and other social programs—will be challenged by the forces of liberating capital.

Women will be kept from achieving gender equality. Immigrants will be further entrenched as cheap labour. Natives will never realize claims to their resources. The concept of a non-militarized society will be only a memory. The only culture that will exist will be an internationally homogenized money-culture.

In this election, we have come to a crossroads. We are not blind to the limits of an electoral process in a capitalist society. But we also recognize that we have to work within its limitations and use the ballot box as our only expression of social change.

Theo Argitis
Zeb Brown

IF VOTING COULD
CHANGE THE SYSTEM



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Crown ends rape investigation

by Karen Valihora

Crown prosecutors decided last Friday not to lay charges against three men accused of gang rape at a Zeta Psi fraternity party September 22.

Witnesses accounts of what happened at the Fraternity mixer don't back up the 19 year old McGill student's complaint, says Louise Villemure, Crown prosecutor in charge of the case.

Villemure heads a team of six Montreal prosecutors who handle sexual assault cases. She said she and two other prosecutors read the police reports "many times" before deciding not to press charges.

The woman who launched the investigation is angry with the decision.

"The police had 13 different stories, all from witnesses. All the Crown did was use police reports, they didn't even question the three assailants."

Villemure said the Crown did not conduct their own investigation, but interviewed the complainant.

"The woman told us facts which are not supported by the evidence," said Villemure.

"All they have is verbal proof," the woman said. "It's me against 13 guys who are all corroborating each other's stories."

The woman reported to police September 29 that she was assaulted by three men in an upstairs bedroom of the frathouse at a Zeta Psi mixer, with other men "standing around the door and laughing."

The woman said the prosecutors told her they believe her story, but told her "the men are feeling immense pressure right now and

they're starting to feel guilt."

The lack of physical evidence to back up the woman's story factored in the Crown's decision. The woman was examined by a doctor four days after the alleged assault. The doctor told the Ottawa Citizen that he found evidence indicating the woman had been subject to a "physical assault".

The evidence provided by a doctor's examination made more than 48 hours after the date a woman claims she was sexually assaulted is inadmissible in a court of law.

The woman reported the assault a week after it had taken place, leaving the police hard pressed to discover other physical evidence, such as clothing or bedsheets, at the scene of the alleged assault.

Robert Wexler, a U2 McGill student, Marcus Knill, another McGill student, and David Moffat, a Concordia student, have been suspended from Zeta Psi fraternity.

McGill's Senate Committee on Student Discipline plans to proceed with an internal inquiry into the case. According to VP Academic Sam Freedman, the McGill students face expulsion if they are found guilty of "sexual harassment" under McGill's code of student discipline.

"The punishment that can be handed out by the court is obviously much more severe than anything we can do," said Freedman.

The woman has since appeared on CBC radio, local television, and in newspapers to tell her story. "They [Crown prosecutors] have taken everything out of my control, I have no control over what's happening, over my life," she said.

About attempting sexual assault

charges, she says "it just seems like you're on trial and what you say is on trial. It just seems like there's too much red tape and too much bureaucracy for justice to be done."

Until now, the woman relied on the Crown's office for legal defense, and has not yet hired her own lawyer.

"I'm going to check this week to see what I can do. It doesn't look like the crown is going to reopen the case," she said.

She is "furious" with the Crown, and plans to find her own lawyer.

One of her options is a lawsuit against the three men for psychological damages. "It's not for the

money, it's them admitting something happened," she said.

Zeta Psi Fraternity brothers say they are planning their own inquiry, and have set up a committee to investigate. "This doesn't mean it's over," said one.

The Woman's Union is attempting to organize, with other interested groups on campus, an information campaign for next semester.

"I'm glad they will allow the Inter-Fraternity council and other groups to work on this with them," said the woman, "otherwise they'd be segregating themselves and it's not right because men are concerned about this too."

The Concordia Women's col-

lective has already offered a fund to help the woman pay for legal help. "If the money's there and I need it, of course I'll use it. I really appreciate it," she said.

The Concordia Woman's collective has also begun circulating a petition protesting the Crown's decision to drop the case. They plan to submit the petition to both the Palais de Justice and to the Attorney General in Quebec City.

This article appeared in French in last Wednesday's Daily Français with several errors due to translation.

Finance minister heckled

Wilson speaks at McGill

by Stephanie Lachowicz

Several hundred students put Canadian Minister of Finance Michael Wilson on the spot in McGill's McIntyre Medical Building Nov. 7, urging him to be more specific on the terms of the free trade agreement.

Advocates of the agreement gave Wilson a standing ovation at the end of his prepared speech and chanted "Free Trade! Free Trade!" Those unconvinced of the benefits of a free trade deal attacked Wilson with questions on the specifics of the agreement.

Wilson's speech was sponsored by the McGill Political Science Students' Association, PC McGill, Liberal McGill, NDP McGill and the McGill Debating Union as part of election week activities on campus.

Although the sponsors billed the event as a talk on free trade, Wilson spent most of his prepared speech bashing Progressive Conservative opponents John Turner and Ed Broadbent. Discussion turned to free trade only during the following question period. Wilson's speech ran over the 20 minute time period effectively cutting the amount of time allowed for questions.

In the speech, Wilson referred to the "benefits of free trade to young people," without saying what those benefits would be. Many students heckled Wilson later on the vagueness of his comments.

One questioner asked whether the agreement would lead to a greater degree of processing of Canada's raw materials.

"Yes," Wilson said. "Companies are seeing opportunities here but are not able to take advantage of them because of these (tariff) barriers."

Wilson maintained that the agreement will not harm Canada's social programs, following the PCs standard defense of the deal by labelling opponents scare-mongers.

Mark Cameron, Students' Soci-

ety VP External and Liberal McGill member challenged Wilson with specific sections of the Free Trade Agreement. He cited 14:8 and 20:11, saying they could be interpreted as limitations to Canadian social programs.

Wilson answered Cameron by saying section 20:11 does not apply to social services at all. Section 14:8 deals with medicare programs and 20:11 with the management of health facilities.

One student admitted to being mystified by the Free Trade Agreement. He asked Wilson why Canadians should trust his party if the vast majority of Canadians do not understand the agreement in the first place.

Wilson took this opportunity to subtly chastise those Canadians who have failed to take advantage of the "tremendous amount of information we (the government) have made available on the agreement." Wilson implied Canadians should follow the example of the nation's business community in supporting the agreement.

"Look who is in favour of the deal. Eight out of ten provincial premiers, almost all major Canadian business groups, over 250 economists and a number of small business groups," he said.

One questioner asked whether Canada would be able to regulate the emission of pollutants into the atmosphere from US based corporations. Wilson replied that US companies would have to respect Canadian environmental laws if operating in Canada.

Furthermore, Wilson predicted a Canada-US agreement on acid rain for the near future. "One year from now, I would be surprised if there was no agreement on acid rain," he said.

Criticizing the NDP platform to nationalize one Canadian bank, Wilson said it "will destroy global confidence in our country by placing politics in our finances." According to him, the NDP "leaves

businessmen shaking their heads."

(And presumably, Wilson figures businesswomen are too enraptured with NDP day care promises to rate mention in the PC world.) He also criticized Ed Broadbent for "not understanding economics". Broadbent holds a Ph.D. in Economics.

Wilson slammed Turner's record as Minister of Finance during the Trudeau administration, saying the Liberal leader created "the worst recession Canada has experienced in some 50 years."

On the other hand, he patted the PC government on the back for pulling the country out of these dire straits. "Our central emphasis has been on getting the deficit down," he said. "This issue is important because a deficit today represents a burden for future taxpayers."

One member of the audience didn't appreciate the PC interest in reducing her future tax burden. During question period, she asked Wilson to explain how the Mulroney administration can talk seriously of reducing the deficit while spending somewhere between "8-15 billion dollars" on nuclear powered submarines to ensure the safety of the arctic zone. Wilson put the figure closer to \$5 billion, calling it "most well warranted expense."

He responded by saying "the options of the other two parties on how to patrol our coasts are more expensive than (the PC option)." Their plan to use conventional weapons to defend the arctic would be more expensive, according to Wilson.

In his final comment, Wilson ended the session by warning the audience of the dangers of believing false information being spread about the Free Trade Agreement.

"When you have people playing with the truth on the environment and medicare you have to wonder about the truth of the other statements they make." Indeed.

CKUT, Legal Aid Win

by Mitu Sengupta

McGill's Legal Aid Clinic and CKUT 90.3FM (Radio McGill) were winners in last week's campus referendum. The amendments to the Students' Society of McGill University (SSMU) Constitution and By-Laws were also passed in the highest turn out referendum of the decade.

The 3113 votes, or 15 percent of potential voter turnout, were received on the question concerning the CKUT fee increase. According to SSMU Chief Returning Officer Joanna Wedge this voter turnout was the largest in well over a decade.

"I think the credit lies with the CKUT and Legal Aid volunteers who spent hours advertising and promoting the elections," Wedge said.

The referendum question calling for a \$2 per semester per student fee increase for CKUT was by far the most controversial proposal. CKUT polled 1944 votes favouring the increase and 1014 opposing it.

The funds will go towards paying off CKUT's 130,000 debt. The debt stems from the station's decision to broadcast on an FM signal in November of last year. Previously CKUT programmes could be received only through a pay cable service.

McGill's Legal Aid Clinic polled 2481 votes in favour of its \$1.50 per semester direct funding proposal from students. Currently, the Clinic is funded through the SSMU. The call for direct student funding originates from a conflict the Clinic had with the SSMU Joint Management Committee. Earlier this year SSMU threatened to cut the Clinic's funding in half.

The amendment to have the student body elect the SSMU Vice-President Finance was passed with 1291 votes. Previously, student councillors nominated and elected the Vice-President. Nearly 1500 students voted "no-opinion".

Over 2500 students or almost 90 percent of the vote in favour of having the SSMU Constitution and By-Laws translated into French.

Shattering the cultural mosaic

Canada's outstanding refugee policy won world attention and the United Nations' Nansen medal in 1987. Just one year later, the federal government passed racist legislation limiting refugee access, essentially to stem the flow of non-whites into Canada.

by Mani Haghighi

Built on an 'open-door policy' toward immigrants and refugees, the cultural mosaic of Canadian society has formed today's image of Canada as a progressive nation concerned with justice and human rights.

But now, as immigration bills C-55 and C-84 filter through the Canadian legislative system, that humanitarian image is changing. A study published by Amnesty International shows that the worse human rights violations are within a country, the more likely Canada is to require a visa from its people.

The two bills were designed by Conservative Minister of Immigration Benoit Bouchard in response to the mounting intolerance to the 'Boat-People Crises' of the early 1980's. C-55 ensures that genuine refugees can be deported from Canada without a hearing, and sent back with no guarantees for their future security.

C-84, with its conveniently vague wording, criminalizes some forms of assistance to refugees. Under this section, a lawyer or church group meeting a refugee at the Canadian border can be arrested merely for providing her or him with legal assistance.

Chiefly, Bill C-55 provides for the immediate expulsion of refugees who have previously been granted refugee status in another country, or have arrived in Canada via a "safe third country," as designated by cabinet. The legislation



will allow for the expulsion of more than 80 per cent of all claimants within only 72 hours of their arrival in Canada.

Moreover, if the claimants manage to acquire permission to appeal a decision (there is usually no right to appeal for a refugee), they are forced to await their court hearing outside Canada—presumably in the country from which they escaped.

A poll conducted just after C-55 was passed showed that 80 per cent of the Canadian people supported the new legislation. In contrast, the same poll showed that 75 per cent favoured a more open immigration policy toward refugees. Since C-55 clearly limits refugee access, the poll results are contradictory and show that the Canadian public is not aware of the contents of the bills.

The details of C-55 are veiled under the cover of protection for genuine refugees against false

ones. But C-84, already partially enforced by the immigration police, is a blatant contradiction of positions that Canada has so far taken in the executive committee of the U.N. High Commission on Refugees. The bill provides for the blocking and turning away of ships on the open sea before refugee claimants can disembark.

Groups opposed to the bills, including Amnesty International, the Canadian Jewish Congress and Canadian Bar Association, blame the lack of public awareness on a 'disinformation campaign' lead by the Conservative government.

Despite Senate ratification, both bills remain constitutionally dubious. Bouchard admitted to some small changes to C-84 to avert a court challenge which would have declared it contradictory to the Charter of Rights and Freedoms.

But the Conservatives are not alone in their racist immigration policies. Douglas Collins recently won the nomination in a riding for the Alberta-based Reform Party of Canada. He has been asking for immigration quotas in favour of more "traditional" immigrants and fewer of the "Third World variety."

Working in Canada

This phobia of shattering the Western European hegemony is based on an outdated set of principles that no longer apply to the

modern and changing Canadian culture. Canada needs its immigrants.

If Canada were to maintain its current fertility rate of 1.67 per cent and its annual net migration of 75 000 people, one fourth of its population would be 65 and older by the middle of the next century. There would be practically no population growth.

Supporting an aging population would prove far more costly than supporting one in which the dependant population consisted primarily of children, relaxing the immigration laws remains the only practical solution to the problem.

There is need for a substantial population growth in Canada, one dominated by the young and the active. In light of the ever-pressing plea of the refugees, immigrants and foreign students, devising policies to encourage the Canadians to have more children is absurd, especially given the failure of such programs in other countries.

According to Bouchard himself, all of the 155 Sri Lankan Tamil refugees who landed in Newfoundland in 1986 as well as most of the Indian Sikhs who arrived in Nova Scotia last summer, have found jobs in Canada and are actively contributing to the Canadian economy.

'Open' Immigration Policy

C-55 and C-84 lose much of their initial shock when seen against the backdrop of Canadian's immigration history. A quick glance through the history of Canadian immigration and refugee policies reveals a list of decisions and actions dominated by racial discrimination.

The 1885 Chinese Immigration Act imposed higher taxes, more stringent medical requirements and more document restrictions on Chinese immigrants than on any other immigrant group. This complex immigration process was coupled with substandard working conditions and minimal wage payments. It wasn't until 1976 that cabinet lost the power to make immigrants inadmissible on the basis of race.

During the period of depression which followed the First World War, the government amended the Immigration Act in order to be able to deport many prominent foreign-born labour activists who were leading the industrial strikes.

In response to the economic



downturn of the 20's, the Chinese Immigration Act was revised to stop the flow of Chinese immigrants to Canada. Between 1924 and 1930, only three Chinese entered Canada as immigrants.

Racist resistance to non-white immigration peaked in 1931 when only British nationals, American citizens and a few wealthy agriculturalists were allowed to enter. Eight years later, Canadians turned away over 900 German Jews who had fled Nazi Germany on a boat. After their rejection by the Canadian, American and Cuban governments, the refugees were forced to return to Germany, where they faced immediate persecution.

By the end of the Second World War, however, the Canadian government began a more liberal approach to immigration. Between 1962 and 1976, Canada admitted more refugees than in any other period in its history.

Yet the discriminatory policies of the past lingered on. During the 1960's, of twenty-seven Canadian visa offices around the world, only three were located in Asia, with no offices at all in Africa or South America.

This period of relative openness finally peaked in November 1987, when the Nansen medal, named after a pioneer of international refugee work, was presented to Canada by the United Nations' High Commission for Refugees. It was the first time that an entire nation, rather than an activist or an organization was awarded the medal.

Despite the controversy surrounding immigration and refugee issues, the recent legislations have failed to attract much attention as significant issues in the current federal election campaign. This is mainly because the consequences of today's population policies will be felt mainly by the next generation, although the main parties have traditionally tended to shy away from race issues anyway.

Outside the election campaign however, both opposition parties have been aggressively vocal in opposing both bills, calling for a more civilized and understanding approach toward the question of refugees. As the Conservatives have bluntly refused to revise the bills, the only way the Canadians can hope to preserve their international humanitarian reputation is by not re-electing the current government.

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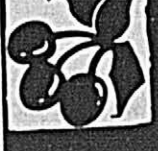
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CAFE AU LAIT

Seeds of the future

by Trefor Smith

The environmentalist Green Party of Canada claims that its federal campaign has been systematically and purposely ignored by the national media. Their recent legal action against the national television networks raises questions about the networks' right to deny voters exposure to alternative parties.

In October, the Green Party asked the Supreme Court of Ontario for an injunction to halt or alter the televised federal debates of October 31 and November 1. The party hoped the injunction would help their attempts to be included in the debate.

The court rejected the Greens' request, ruling that the rights of the media to broadcast what and who it wants supercedes the right of an alternative party seeking what it sees as being equitable treatment. "The right to free speech does not necessarily mean the right to make someone else listen or the right to make someone else carry the message to the public," said the ruling.

The court concluded that the injunction violated the rights of association of the other parties, this decision denying the fourth running party its opportunity to receive valuable television exposure.

The 'leader' of the Green Party, Seymour Trieger, said the ruling "did not deal with the basic issue." The party feels the

networks were acting in coalition to exclude the various smaller parties from the exposure they deserve. "Television is the most important medium and we don't get a shot at it because it's still a tight circle."

The Montréal co-ordinator and St. Leonard candidate for the Greens, Rolf Bramann, last week told an audience at McGill that the October Supreme court decision was "a stupid" and "shaky" ruling. The court's decision points to a network's right to have strong editorial control over its broadcasting agenda as reason for refusing the request for an injunction.

According to Bramann, however, the networks would allow the Greens' inclusion in the debate were it not for the Canadian Radio and Television Commission (CRTC) Broadcasting Act that limits them to include only the three major parties. Bramann says that the CRTC and the networks are throwing the responsibility for excluding the Greens back and forth like a "hot potato".

During this campaign, the Greens will receive two minutes of free time on the national networks of the CBC and CTV, twice what they received when they first entered federal politics in the 1984 election.

There were substantially fewer Green Party candidates running in the 1984 election than this fall. In Montréal, the Greens are fielding 19 candidates and 29 throughout

Québec. The party has over a hundred candidates across the country. Bramann cites the party's large number of candidates and an attractive, comprehensive policy as reasons for greater media attention.

The party platform envisions a future economy structured on environmentalist principles. It advocates human and animal rights, pacifism and a responsible place for humanity within the world's ecology. They call for a halt to industry that threatens the environment while advocating small-scale local economy that operates "in harmony" with nature.

Their adamant stand against industrial expansion, even at the benefit of increased employment, puts them at odds with both big business and labour organizations. But the Greens maintain they will not pursue short-term gains if these ultimately compromise their long-term objectives.

Bramann also emphasizes the far-sighted character of their policy. He points out that the environment is the fundamental basis for any form of economy, and that the best economic strategy is one that protects the environment. For them, the economic ethic of conservation must prevail over consumerism if any significant change in industrial expansion will ever occur. Such a policy is seen in the Greens' support for recycling campaigns.

At the heart of the Greens' sensibility lies a millarianistic



Brian McLaughlin

urgency, that only by acting immediately can humanity hope to sidestep a future catastrophe. They feel that the human species is doomed to extinction along with our decaying planet, unless the present industrial-based economy is abandoned for an alternative mode of living. Trudy Fisk, a speaker for the Green Party of British Columbia sums up the basic sentiment and aspira-

tion of the Greens: "This system cannot be reformed and we shouldn't waste our time trying; what is required is not a 'revolution', but a total transformation of society."

The Green Party of Canada is holding a meeting for all interested tonight at 6545 Lemay street, in Westmount at the corner of Beaubien.

Still no abortion law

by Lydia Allen
and Joyce Lombardi

The Supreme Court threw out the federal abortion laws at the beginning of this year, and the federal government has yet to replace them. This has augmented the confusion surrounding abortion laws over the past year and the federal election shows no sign of reversing the trend. Federal candidates are reluctant to take a firm stand on the issue.

After years of sustaining police raids on his clinics, arrests, and court appearances, Dr. Henry Mor-

gantaler finally came before the Supreme Court in October 1986 to challenge the federal abortion law. Law 251 made illegal abortions not approved by a therapeutic abortion committee and performed in a hospital. 251 also prohibited giving a woman a drug or any other "noxious substance" intended to procure a miscarriage. It also forbade the sale or advertisement of instruments, medicine, or other articles intended for abortion.

Morgantaler's lawyer, Morris Manning said, "the law discriminates against women as a gender,

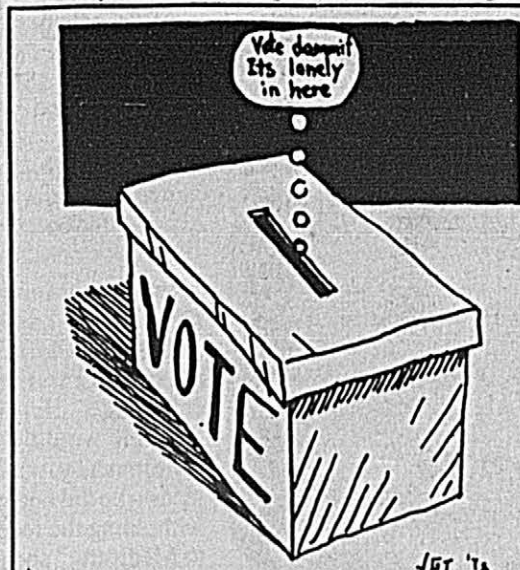
and causes disparity among them in that abortions are granted arbitrarily and subject to geographical factors." Manning added that many hospitals in Canada do not have therapeutic committees, thus severely limiting accessibility.

The Supreme Court ruled in Morgantaler's favour. Morgantaler and his colleagues were acquitted of charges brought against them of "conspiring to procure a miscarriage" (perform an abortion) in January 1988. Law 251 and its accompanying clauses were subsequently ruled unconstitutional.

This decision came two years after a report issued from the Federal Advisory Council calling for a repeal of Law 251, "because it denies women control over their reproductive systems and sexuality... The law permits abortion for some women only, and delays it for others."

The report added that the laws should be abolished and individual provinces should be left "to establish any relevant health standards."

This is exactly what happened. Individual provinces have pieced together their own interpretations of abortion policy creating even more disparity in abortion access continued on page 6



Comment

Feminization of poverty

Many women are concerned with such issues as poverty, child care, and abortion in this 1988 Canadian election. Financial security, the availability of child care and the right of control over one's body are necessary for women's economic and social independence.

Women as a group are deeply affected by poverty. Single mothers constitute the largest number of welfare recipients. Many women are concentrated in low-paying jobs, and women on average earn less money than men for work of equal value. It is important for the next government to try to solve the problem of the feminization of poverty.

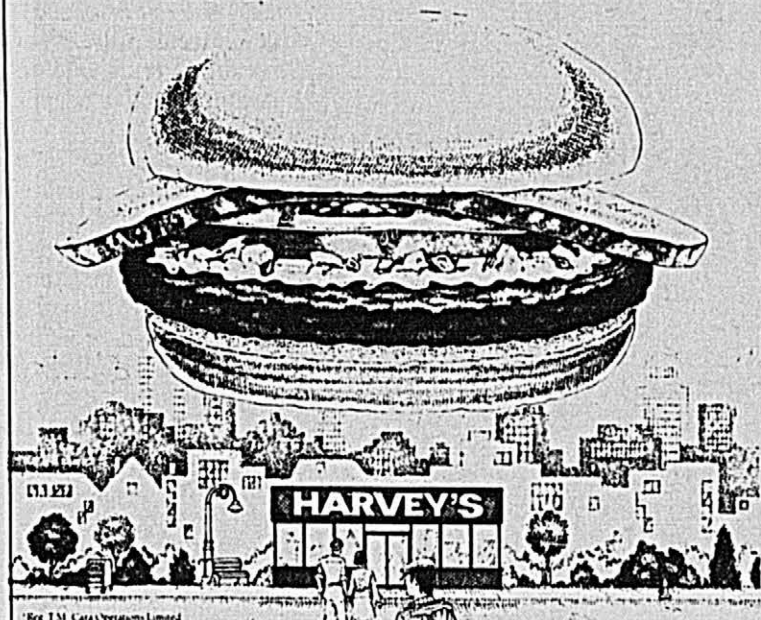
The availability of quality, affordable, and accessible daycare is crucial to women's social and economic well-being. Single mothers need it most urgently since they are likely to be the sole supporters of their families and usually have very limited time to spend with their children. Single fathers and lesbian and gay couples in which both partners want to pursue careers outside the home are also affected by inadequate daycare. Many women who live with men leave paid jobs after having children because society perceives their partners' careers to be more important. Many of these women are happy to work at home and we should respect their choice. However, a great number of women who wish to pursue careers other than homemaking cannot because of the lack of a child care system that meets their needs. Family life suffers because women are often resentful of having to give up their paid jobs to become full-time mothers.

Gains made by women such as economic independence and the right to education are not worth much if women are forced to bear children. More women and girls would have to struggle to support children which they are not emotionally or financially ready to care for. Fortunately, the Canadian Supreme Court has recognized that control over one's body is a fundamental human right. It is necessary that the next government respect the decision of the Supreme Court to protect the right of women to control their own bodies.

Issues such as the feminization of poverty and the rights of child care and abortion are interrelated. They are pressing, and they deserve more attention. Each party should make an effort to include them on its platform.

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for women across Canada.

British Columbia premier Bill Vander Zalm, an avid anti-abortionist, was the first to retighten abortion restrictions after Law 251 was abolished. He announced that Medicare would only be available for abortions approved by committees in accredited hospitals. After strong protest from the public and from B.C. parliament he revised the law to lift the restrictions from rape and incest victims.

Québec's abortion policy has usually been the most pro-choice of the provinces. Medicare-funded abortions are performed in clinics on demand.

In the meantime, the Supreme Court is refraining from ruling on abortion cases until a federal law is drafted.

Brian Mulroney attempted to draft another abortion law this spring but Parliament vetoed all three options of the bill in a free vote in July. The bill had proposed allowing abortions only in case of a health threat to the woman, abortions within the first trimester of pregnancy, or abortions free on demand.

Mulroney has not reintroduced an abortion law and has officially fallen silent on the issue in the face of the upcoming election. He has said that although he personally disapproves of abortion, he does not want to recriminalize it. Mulroney summed up his stance on the issue after the latest debate saying, "How did you like my lack of comments on abortion?"

Liberal candidate John Turner, like Mulroney, is against abortion, but has declared no official platform. He has stated that he does not want to recriminalize abortion.

Only NDP leader Ed Broadbent has taken a firm stand on the issue. Broadbent declared he will veto any abortion bill that comes before him because abortion should not be legislated. "It is a matter between a woman and her doctor and should be treated as minor surgery," he said.

But although Broadbent's strong pro-choice declaration stands out beside the vague waffling of the other two mainstream candidates, it can result in little more than a propagation of the disparate abortion policies across Canada. By refusing to vote on abortion issues, Broadbent will allow the provincial governments to continue to inflict their own biases upon women.

If Broadbent were truly a hard-line advocate of abortion he would formulate hard-line abortion laws disallowing individual provinces to circumvent the law.

Nora Hutchinson of the Concerned Citizens for Choice on Abortion advocates a this type of federal law prohibiting the provinces from limiting access to abortions. "There could be a clause inserted in the Canadian Health Act to declare abortion an essential medical service," Hutchinson said.

"This would allow the federal government to penalize those provinces who did not provide access by withholding the federal contribution to Medicare," she added.

By Mark Quinn

In October, the Lubicon People ended their 48 year struggle for recognition from the Canadian federal government through an act of outright defiance. They erected a controversial and symbolic barricade protecting land they seized as their own, declaring themselves a sovereign nation. Their roadblock gained national sympathy, as news media across the country focussed on the conflict.

Alberta was forced into making a land settlement with the Lubicons, yet now the Lubicon face a battle with the federal Government over membership status. The amount of federal funding they receive depends on the number of 'status' Indians the government will recognize out of the 478 who say they are Lubicon.

Native issues have been ignored by the three main parties in the Federal election. This is unsurprising in wake of the Mulroney government's repeated failure to settle grievances, and their seeming inability to recognize aboriginal rights over the last four years. Frustration with political venues is forcing Native communities across Canada to strident forms of activism.

Kahnawake Council member Myrtle Bush said "none of the parties are saying much about native issues, but as far as natives are concerned the major issues are recognition of aboriginal rights, reactivation of constitutional conferences on self government, and land settlement claims."

Kahnawake Natives say a treaty they made in 1794 allowing them to trade with other Mohawks in the U.S. has never been recognized by Canada. A department of Indian Affairs official, who asked that his name not be used, said "there are no special border-crossing rights for Canadian Indians."

RCMP officials were working on that assumption when they arrested the chief of the St. Regis Mohawk Reserve for driving a truckload of groceries across a border in a protest against increased taxes on and confiscation of Mowhawk personal goods.

In June 1988 armed Mowhawk protesters manned barricades on the Mercier Bridge to protest what

they saw as an invasion of their territory by the Canadian police.

The situation has not been resolved. Bush says "many people believe there is going to be another [RCMP] raid."

In late October, leaders of the Micmac in Nova Scotia called for a Royal Commission into Native rights in the province. "We cannot understand how rights confirmed by the Supreme Court of Canada can be ignored by the provincial cabinet," said Chief Deborah Robinson.

In 1985, the supreme court ruled that a 1752 treaty between the Micmac people and the government of the day was valid. The treaty gives natives unlimited fishing and hunting rights in the province, rights not recognized by the province.

Leader of the Assembly of First Nations Georges Erasmus told the *Globe and Mail* in June, "only... highly visible campaigns of civil disobedience work... Canada's Native people must abandon nice guy policies and become more militant in their struggle to have their rights and land claims recognized."

"We are saying to Canada, we are saying to Prime Minister Mulroney: we've had enough, we're going to change the rules of the game."

Many natives have given up working within the political system and say they won't participate in the coming election. "Many natives won't vote. They don't accept the Canadian Government as their government, they don't want to legitimize the government by participating in its elections," said Bush.

In 1984 little was known of Mulroney's policy toward natives, little was said during his campaign or his speech from the throne. David Crombie was named Minister of the Department of Indian and Northern Affairs. He was welcomed by native leaders largely because he expressed his desire to establish Native self-government. He said of his own department, "It is the last bastion of colonial rule."

But government priorities centered around reducing the national deficit. Mulroney appointed Deputy Prime Minister Erik Neilson to

Native rights ignored by Conservatives

head a ministerial task force to undertake a cost-cutting review of all government programs. Neilson identified native programs as one of the fields slated for review.

The Conservative government held its first constitutional conference on aboriginal rights in April 1985. According to Mulroney, "more welfare, more social workers, more programs are not the answer." He encouraged native self-government as the solution to poverty and dependency. He expressed his desire to entrench the right to self-government in the constitution.

But the Nielson task force report attempted to reshape programs in order to produce savings. It repeated many of the recommendations of the 1969 white paper, which transferred Native affairs from federal jurisdiction to provincial.

It called for a leaner definition of federal responsibility to Indians. The task force deemed 35 per cent of Government spending on natives "discretionary," or spending that went beyond the government's legal or moral obligations. The task force proposed long term cut backs in programs and a reduction of support to native political organizations.

The report found the government was doing 'too much', whereas Natives, provinces and the business sector had done 'too little'. Neilson "encouraged greater native self-reliance and entrepreneurship."

The Neilson report recommendations contradicted public statements made by the prime minister, raising serious questions about government integrity when dealing with Native people.

Native reaction was swift, hostile and uniform in its condemnation of the report. Natives resented the fact that they had not been part of process of developing recommendations to cabinet and were frustrated once again because Native self-government and constitutional reforms were not the subject of the Neilson task force.

The Assembly of first Nations (AFN) condemned the proposed cutback of resources as "an abdication of the federal Government's responsibilities to Natives—a re-hash of the White paper."

The AFN asked why has the

government "singled out Native people—already on the low rung of the country's economic ladder—as a target group for financial punishment." They also likened the recommendation that provinces be given control of native programs to "inviting the wolves to tend the sheep." The AFN said the report "is devoid of any recognition of the values upon which our lives are built, and out of step with the desired movement towards self-government."

In response to this criticism Mulroney said, "the report is not a statement of government policy." He restated what he had said at the first ministers conference, claiming that he was committed to establishing Indian self-government and promising not to cut back funding to Native programs.

Meanwhile, Minister of Native Affairs David Crombie was gaining respect among Native leaders for his direct consultation with Natives and his expressed desire to transfer control and accountability to Natives. Crombie's initiative became mired in a struggle for power between his left leaning policies and the more powerful right winged Neilson task force recommendations. The Neilson Task Force's findings were more compatible with the government's top political priorities and economic interests.

Crombie's initiatives—Northern political development, Native women and band membership, self-government, comprehensive land claims and treaty renovations—varied, but they had three things in common: they were intended to expand Native power at the community level, to provide Natives with additional resources to manage affairs, and avoid homogeneous prescriptions for heterogeneous native peoples.

The Prime Minister claimed to be seeking a fresh start, unfortunately what the cabinet received was old bureaucratic advice from the Neilson task force which was incompatible with innovative approaches being developed by Crombie. The result was two competing elements at work in the government's policy making process.

The government made a cabinet shuffle in June 1986. David Crom-

bie was replaced by William McKnight.

Collin Scott, Professor at the Anthropology Department at McGill suggests "David Crombie was being too constructive, McKnight was put in his place because he was perceived as being more sympathetic to the priorities of the Mulroney Government."

The government's top priorities of national reconciliation and economic renewal have been retained and given new impetus in the Prime Minister's desire to bring Québec into the constitution and to negotiate free trade with the U.S.

In March of 1987 Mulroney held another First Minister's Conference. The conference failed to entrench aboriginal rights to self-government in the constitution. "Aboriginal leaders emerged from the failure of the constitutional conference on Friday, bitter because they felt that their proposals were never taken seriously." (*Globe and Mail* March 30th, 1987)

This summer a Canadian Press report leaked a government plan to limit new social services for Natives. The report also claimed that officials had discussed stalling legislation that involved higher expenditures or passing some responsibility for native affairs to provincial



governments. The plans suggested to natives the direction of the Department of Indian and Northern Development under McKnight was basically a re-hash of the recommendations of the Neilson task force.

Erasmus said, "Minister William McKnight should resign because of the report. This report confirms our worst fears about the conservative Government's policies towards aboriginal peoples."

An explicit and implementable policy of self-government has not been reached to date.

Other unrelated government policies threaten to affect Native rights. Natives are concerned with the effect that Free Trade could have upon them. The Free trade deal could add vast complications to the eventual resolution of aboriginal land claims in Canada. Native have been seeking to share the management of natural resources in certain parts of the country. What if the U.S. gains some access to Canadian resources in which Natives believe they still retain an interest? Will natives have to negotiate with the U.S. too?

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Meeting the Marxists

by Olivier Spécier

The Marxist-Leninist party has denounced the Federal election as a "farce."

"These elections are neither free nor fair, despite all the noise which is generated about democracy," proclaimed Pierre Chénier, candidate in the St. Henri-Westmount riding. He is one of 67 candidates running for the Marxist-Leninist Party across Canada.

Chénier describes an election as a time when voters "are reduced to being mere spectators...they have no role to play other than to mark their ballots in favour of one or the other of [the candidates]."

He also believes the three so-called major parties have been provided with numerous advantages which help them stay in power. This includes the support of the "monopoly-controlled" mass media.

"Monopoly media are putting on a big show, one day they declare that one of the big three is on top, the next day it is losing. One day a party is popular, the next day it is hated by everyone," he said.

According to Chénier, the three parties and the monopoly media together pose a serious danger to Canadian democracy. "All who

cherish justice and democracy must raise their voice against this danger," he said.

He added that the politicians use any means necessary to get elected and stay in power.

To the Marxist-Leninists, the capitalist system is rocked by crisis which endangers the natural environment and human life. The contradictions of an economic system which considers exploitation of nature as the greatest freedom and puts profit maximization above all else is incapable of solving fundamental problems. But these problems must be solved for society to advance.

"A society which prides itself on its prosperity, garnered from the trade in instruments of death, and which lives for super-exploitation and enslavement of billions of people on the world scale through economic, monetary, financial, technological, cultural, military and other means, cannot show any concern whatsoever for the natural environment," said Chénier.

The party stands for economic self-reliance, Canadian sovereignty in cultural and social affairs and a society "where there is no exploitation of people by other people"

They are opposed to free trade,

Canadian participation in the North-Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) and NORAD, the Warsaw Pact, United States domination of other countries as well as Soviet Union imperialism and political domination.

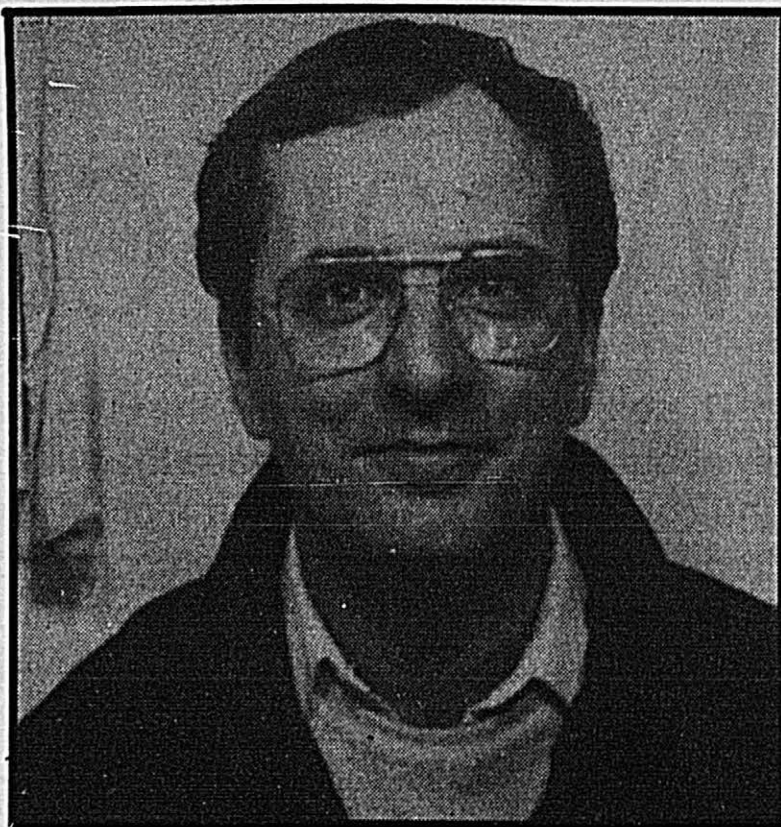
They call upon the working classes to "make the rich pay for the crisis, oppose all imperialist war preparations, oppose the presence of US or Soviet warships in Canadian ports, support all the struggles for real democracy and freedom at home and abroad."

Marxist-Leninist candidates declare themselves "interested in working together with anyone who is concerned about current problems" and who will help them "build a new society."

However, the Marxist-Leninist party information sheets do not clearly state what specifically is their vision of a "new society". Also, they consistently define the conditions of Western existence in simplistic terms.

Furthermore, why do they involve themselves in an election which they call a farce?

For Marxist-Leninists, the main issue in this election and after, "remains that of the social and natural environment."



Pierre Chénier

Le Rhino à la lutte



John McGill

Olivier Spécier

Le candidat du Parti Rhino dans le Comté St-Henri/Westmount, John McGill, se présente comme un « vétérán en politique ». Il faut dire qu'il a déjà une longue carrière politique derrière lui (il se présentait en 1984 et obtenait un « large support » de la population : 344 votes). Derrière cet être sensible, sinon timide, se cache un homme de convictions, chaleureux et toujours à l'écoute des demandes de la population.

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This election, and especially the Free Trade debate, is primarily about what 'vision' of Canada the public wishes to endorse—the competitive saber-toothed mouse espoused by Brian Mulroney, the proud little fighter embodied by John Turner or the NDP's progressive 'working person.' Vision is usually the province of the artist, but curiously only the New Democrats have released a cultural policy statement during the campaign. And the Conservatives' Free Trade deal threatens to suppress artistic vision in Canada almost entirely.

by carl p. wilson iii

Brian Mulroney comes on television to assure us that he would never sell out Canadian cultural sovereignty and John Turner talks about our "birthright" as he wages "the fight of his life." But neither seems to realize that for years our cultural industries have been amongst the chief forces uniting this otherwise regionally divided nation.

The obvious example is the CBC. Peter Gzowski's *Morningside* brings one million Canadians together every week, *Sunday Morning* captures three-quarters of a million, *The National* has 1.8 million viewers every night, *The Journal* 1.5 million and *Téléjournal* three-quarters of a million. The Canadian TV movie *Anne of Green Gables* had an audience of the population converging for a common purpose at one time (well, half an hour later in Newfoundland).

While consensus on a common goal like *Anne of Green Gables* might never occur again (under the spirit of Meech Lake, Mulroney's other government-emasculating initiative), the fact remains that the CBC and like institutions bridge regional pettiness and communicate the experience of one group (Anne's P.E.I., for example) to the others.

Certainly none of the parties have any intention of dismantling the CBC, although only the New Democrats have proposed strengthening it to compensate for the \$125 million in funding the CBC lost every year under the Conservative

regime. But the broadcasting network is only the largest of many cogs in the cultural machinery of this country. The oft-lamented and oft-lampooned "Canadian identity crisis" began to resolve itself only after the Trudeau Liberals rigged up the protective netting of the Canada Council and Canadian content quotas in the early 1970s. That system enabled Canadian artists, writers and performers to support their enterprises without having to operate like commercial enti-

and an all-news network. Canadian content on television would be raised and a new Cinema Act passed to require that fifteen per cent of screen time be held by Canadian films—as opposed to the current three per cent.

A New Democratic government would also shore up funding to the Canada Council and the National Film Board and reform the income tax and unemployment insurance systems so as to raise the financial status of the average impoverished



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ties. Icons like Margaret Atwood and Joyce Wieland were able to come to the forefront for the first time under these conditions. Without them, most major cultural groups could not survive.

The NDP programme recognizes this. It was unveiled on October 17 at a gala in Vancouver, with pianist and NDP candidate Anton Kuerti acting as the figurehead. Besides increasing the CBC subsidy, the party intends to create a second public television network

artist. (For example, two-thirds of Canada's professional actors now earn less than \$8 000 a year.) All these measures would be financed by changes in the current system of upper-income tax exemptions.

This is really the bare minimum in concessions needed to maintain the space for arts groups in the country to survive, much less grow. Neither of the other two parties have paid this problem any heed, and artists all over Canada have lost ground steadily during the Mulroney years.

The Mulroney cabinet blocked CBC's application for an all-news channel last year, contributing to American domination of the airwaves. They've also introduced Bill C-54, monolithic anti-pornography legislation that threatens to topple down and crush freedom of expression for artists in the country (although mobilization of arts groups against the Bill seems to have frozen it in its tracks); copyright legislation that manages to answer writers' objections while simultaneously stifling the proliferation of their work; and numerous proposals threatening to alter tax structures in ways that would cause even greater headaches for freelancers.

On the international front, the Conservatives have allowed American giant Gulf & Western to take over Prentice-Hall Canada and (through their subsidiary, Paramount Pictures) Canadian film distributor Norstar Releasing.

But of course the most heinous of Mulroney's sins against the Canadian artistic community has been the Free Trade deal with the United States. This deal does not only threaten the effectiveness of the support network, it threatens its very existence. Free Trade proponents will, of course, tell you that this is a pack of lies, but the evidence is clear.

The MacDonald Commission report, which was the basis on which we assessed the advisability of entering into a deal, had this to say about cultural industries—

Canada provides both import protection and subsidies for cultural activities, because of the widely-held view that our domestic market is not large enough to support these activities. Current policies aimed at creating and disseminating more Canadian cultural products, such as the so-called Canadian content rules imposed by the Canadian Radio-Television and Telecommunications Commissions (CRTC), discriminate against U.S. firms in the cultural industries and might therefore be inconsistent with a general free-trade scheme.

That is the attitude we went into the negotiations with. Of the original 84 industry profiles prepared by the government prior to entering the talks, not one dealt with a cultural industry—although the U.S. embassy in Ottawa commissioned a study of Canadian cultural industries from Statistics Canada. Furthermore, our own top negotiator, Simon Reisman, believed from the beginning of talks that Canada's culture is "thriving strongly." His



negotiating team included no top-level cultural advisors.

On the American side, chief U.S. trade negotiator Peter Murphy has said that the idea of cultural sovereignty seems to be "a guise for protectionism" and also that he is "not sure what it actually means." And Ronald Reagan himself has said of Canada, "We have everything in common, including our heritage and background and language and all. We're very unique." This is the vision of Canada they're offering us.

What bargaining position did we start off from? The statistics are grim. Communications Minister Marcel Masse stated in February of 1986 that there was an annual \$1.5 billion trade surplus in cultural industries to the Americans' benefit. In publishing, 29 subsidiaries of foreign companies earn 60 per cent of the revenues while 173 Canadian companies earn 40 per cent. In film, 19 foreign distributors earn 67 per cent of revenues and 95 Canadian distributors earn 33 per cent (and so in late 1985 the Canadian Cineplex group sold fifty per cent of its interest in Cineplex-Odeon to U.S. communications conglomerate MCA, a move that is widely perceived to have been a surrender in the face of the American hammerlock). In sound recording, 12 foreign subsidiaries earn 89 per cent of revenues and 123 Canadian record companies earn 11 per cent.

We have a fairly secure hold on our own struggling theatre and dance enterprises—largely because they cannot be reproduced and therefore the Americans don't imagine that they will be able to make big profits on marketing them. Nevertheless, imported touring versions of Broadway hits make huge inroads into the number of dollars spent on theatre tickets in major centres every year.

Many people mistakenly believe that the Americans feel secure about the cultural industry and do



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not begrudge us our little stake. Rather, as David Crane put it in a largely-overlooked series on the subject in the *Toronto Star*, "For the U.S., shell-shocked by Japanese, Korean and other foreign gains in steel, autos and other major manufacturing industries, entertainment is seen as a growth industry where the U.S. can continue to dominate."

The forces at work in the American cultural industry are not small-time. Most of the major American corporations have a finger in the pie. For one thing, films, books and rock'n'roll are major tools in propagating the American Way worldwide, thus opening up new markets for the corporations' other products. Coca Cola owns Columbia and Tri-Star Pictures, General Electric owns RCA and NBC, Gulf & Western owns Prentice-Hall and Simon and Schuster, and Warner Bros., MCA and Time Inc. make almost all their profits in the communications field. They all have a massive interest in the Canadian market.

U.S. cultural giants—fewer than 50 corporations in all—earn more than 50 per cent of world-wide film money, 75 per cent of all television revenues on the planet and 50 per cent of all records, tapes and compact discs. In every case, Canada is their number one market.

Canada, by contrast, has a cultural industry that believes mostly in "art for art's sake," and this has had a beneficial effect on the quality of our work. Only a little less than half of the money made by artists and communications companies in this country is made in the commercial market. Most is non-profit—and almost all of the best work is.

Americans believe that they ought to get "domestic treatment" abroad, which means that they are Romans when in Rome and Canadians when in Vancouver. Anything else is discriminatory treatment, in their view. They have al-

ready slapped Canadian wrists for what they have perceived as unfair subsidies. The most distinct example of this revolves around Québec's Bill 109, which stirred the rancor of the Motion Picture Association of America (MPAA), thought to be the most powerful lobby group in the United States. The MPAA has an export division called the MPEAA whose sole purpose is to watchdog Hollywood interests in other countries.

U.S. film distributors in Canada have a long tradition of ripping off Canadian ones by buying "North American Rights" to films rather than Canadian or American rights. They also buy entire catalogues—for example, all 20th Century Fox movies—rather than film by film as the Canadians have to do. In 1983, to try and counter these unfair practices, encourage Canadian film makers and protect language rights in Quebec, the Parti Québécois created Bill 109, which said that all film distribution companies in Quebec had to be Canadian-owned, that films not dubbed or subtitled in French would be permitted only a sixty day run in Quebec, and that all film distributors would have to contribute up to 10 per cent of their revenues to a Quebec film-production fund.

The MPAA made a long series of protests over the bill, but it ground slowly ahead through the red tape. It was passed on June 22, 1983, and the federal government even considered passing an equivalent National Cinema Act. However, on the eve of the 1985 provincial elections, the PQ received a "verbal memo" from the U.S. State Department to the effect that if the law were implemented, all Hollywood films would be pulled from Québec screens—which would not exactly meet with favour from the Québec electorate. The PQ decided not to act to enforce the Cinema Law, and it has lain fallow ever since (until finding a new and inappropriate form in the currently-proposed Dubbing Law).

Interestingly enough, it was also in 1983 that the U.S. started to make noises about being interested in negotiating freer trade.

James Baker, U.S. Treasury Secretary, and Clayton Yeutter, a U.S. trade representative, made Briefing Notes during the negotiations to keep the Pentagon up to date. One page says, "[the Canadians] agreed to limit [measures to promote cultural development] to publishing, film, video, music and broadcasting and agreed that measures they take will not impair the benefits we would otherwise expect from the provisions of the agree-

ment." The Briefing Notes also mentioned that, "they have also promised to solve Jack Valenti's problem on film distribution in two weeks." Jack Valenti is the president of the MPAA.

The Notes are actually more informative than the deal itself,

dian magazines are also going to be phased out, meaning that subscription rates will have to rise for Canadian magazines, while those for Americans will probably fall. Finally, the 13 per cent tariff on foreign albums that the Canadian record industry has depended on will

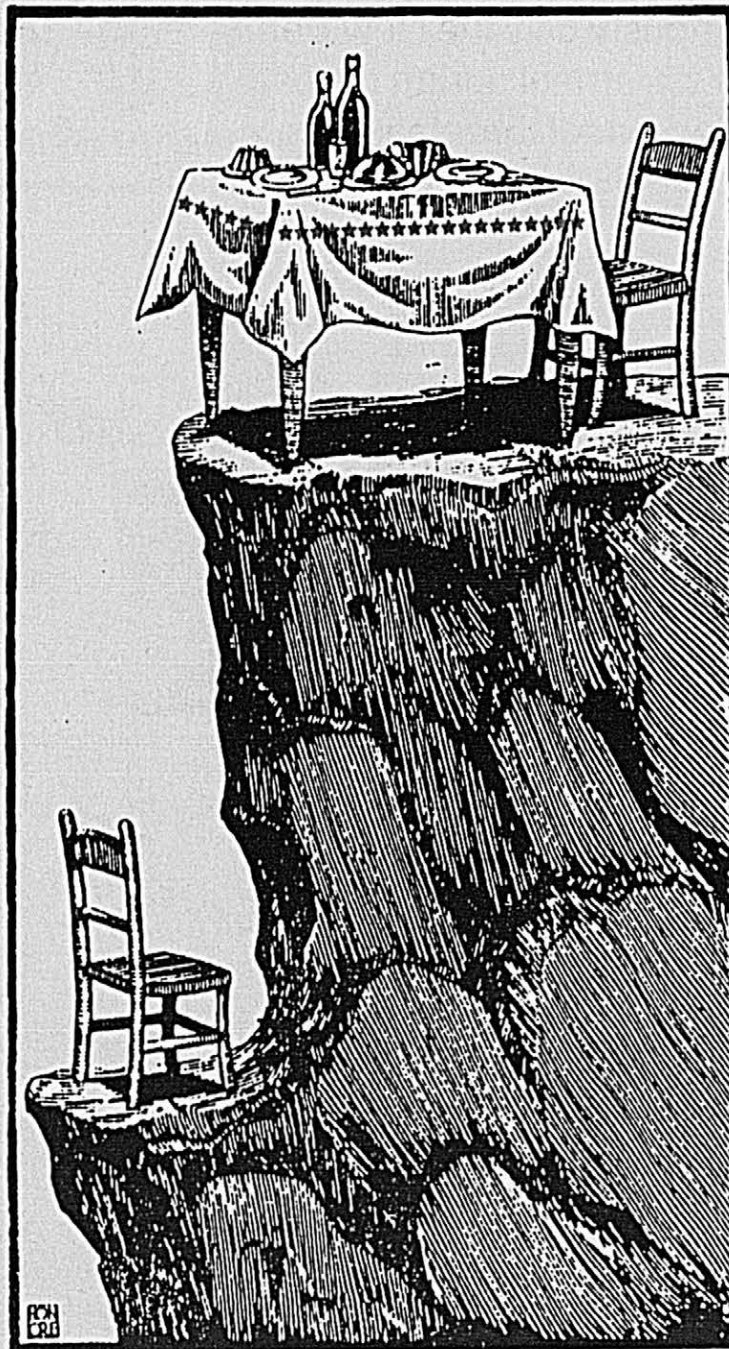
graph 1 of Section 7 states that "Cultural industries as defined in Annex A are exempt from the provisions of this agreement." However, there follows the nefarious Paragraph 2, which states that "Notwithstanding any other provisions of this agreement, a party may take measures of equivalent commercial effect in response to actions that would have been inconsistent with the Agreement but for Paragraph 1."

This means that if the 30 per cent Canadian content quotas on A.M. radio are perceived by the American record industry as an unfair subsidy costing them two million dollars worth of potential exposure each year, the U.S. could legally levy (to be conservative) six million dollars worth of tariffs on Canadian exports to the U.S. This would be calculated according to the vast difference in population between the two countries.

Similarly, if the subsidies of CBC, Telefilm, the Canada Council and NFB (worth about \$1.3 billion annually) are seen as giving an unfair advantage to Canadian film makers and other artists, the U.S. could use the notwithstanding clause to justify \$3.9 billion in retaliatory measures. This would have the effect of turning the Canadian steel worker or farmer or businessman (who suffers the retaliation) against public support for the arts in Canada. It would divide us and pit us against each other instead of against American cultural imperialism.

This could mean the end of the Canada Council, the end of the NFB, the end of Telefilm and the reduction of the CBC to dependency on corporate grants (like PBS in the States). It would mean the absorption of the artist into a marketplace where already unfair practices would mean the Canadian's defeat. With our economic and political life already so closely tied to the United States by the Free Trade Deal, it is ridiculous to suggest that culture would not follow. And (as seen by history) the Americans are interested in getting their hands on more and more of our cultural institutions.

There is a tendency in all levels of government to look at cultural programs not as a place for innovation and advancement but as a place for the preservation of 'heritage and history'—basically an adjunct of tourism. The distribution of Arts Council grants bears this out. The Free Trade Deal might leave us with nothing but heritage in the arts in Canada, with no chance for a future. The Canadian identity crisis would be solved—permanently.



which contains only three pages (out of eight volumes) about cultural issues—in section seven, entitled "Other Provisions." Most of these three pages are spent dismantling specific cultural protections already existent. These measures are severe enough. For example, they establish the principle of retransmission fees for satellite television broadcasting across the border (intended by the Americans to squelch Canadian pay-TV) and repeal the Income Tax Act provision that forces Canadian companies to advertise in Canadian magazines. This will probably plunge the Canadian commercial magazine industry into a fight for its life against the larger and more lucrative American periodicals.

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be removed. The Canadian record companies will probably be wiped out. By the way, each of these protectionary measures were opposed by the Conservatives when they were introduced in the 1970s.

We failed to get defence mechanisms against branch-planting and direct takeovers of Canadian publishers and other industries. Changes in Investment Canada's structure will actually weaken our ability to defend against such action. We did not get copyright and royalty protection in the U.S. for Canadian artists. Our access to American cultural markets is in no way enhanced.

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The buzzword of the free trade agreement has been 'harmonization'. But most major unions, churches and women's organizations fear that these 'forces of harmonization'—which will affect social programs, wages, labour legislation, and taxation—will be at the expense of the Canadian labour force. Capital will flow freely in search of the best environment for investment and jobs will be available where labour costs, regulations, and union problems are negligible. Many are concerned that a free trade Canada will be a country with minimal labour costs, or no employment.

by Theo Argitis

Historically, the Bilateral Free Trade Agreement (BFTA) is an extension of the economic restructuring policies initiated by many developed nations in the last decade. Since his election victory in 1984, Prime Minister Brian Mulroney has championed de-regulation and privatization as the means to resurrecting the Canadian economy by securing the rate of profit.

This restructuring has assumed many forms. The shop floor is witnessing the introduction of new technology along with increasingly repressive and coercive control of the work process. Firms are shedding unprofitable branches and diversifying into more profitable directions. In addition, the state is giving a free play to market forces by de-regulating industry, and implementing regressive tax regimes.

Threatening labour law standards

At its 1986 convention, the Canadian Labour Congress (CLC) stressed the linkages between free trade, deregulation and privatization, the current government has defined its position in the Canadian economy and society with perfect clarity. Its roots are firmly planted in corporate Canada and it has nothing but disdain for the working people of Canada," the CLC reported.

"By supporting a comprehensive free trade agreement with the United States, deregulation and privatization, the current government has defined its position in the Canadian economy and society with perfect clarity. Its roots are firmly planted in corporate Canada and it has nothing but disdain for the working people of Canada," the CLC reported.

Corporate decisions to invest in new plants and offices, or to simply maintain existing ones, depend upon a wide range of labour cost factors including minimum wage levels, levels of unionization, unemployment rates, and obstructive labour laws. Due to Canada's stronger regulation of capital, the country also has much higher labour costs.

If the BFTA becomes law, Canada will face unconditional economic competition with the United States. The huge disparities between the countries' labour costs will be quickly reduced.

There are two types of labour costs: the direct wage of the worker, and indirect labour costs such as the social wage and labour legislation. Social wage involves government expenditures and activities which directly support labour income and consumption, such as education, health care, social security and

welfare, housing and community services, recreational and cultural activities. Labour legislation helps workers organize and bargain with management to increase wages.

Calculations for the U.S. reveal a social wage of 13.2 per cent of GDP in 1970 and 16.2 per cent in 1980. Similar studies done to estimate the Canadian social wage reveal a social wage of 21.2 per cent in 1970 and 25.7 per cent in 1980.

Workers compensation, unemployment insurance, pension, and pay equity programs have been cited by U.S. businesses as unacceptable employment costs. Minimum wage laws are universal in all Canadian jurisdictions. Minimum wage legislation in the US is a joke—when it exists at all.

A comparison between labour law standards in Canada and the U.S. reveals striking disparities. Federal labour law in the U.S. makes a workplace election mandatory whenever a union applies for certification, even if the union has signed up a substantial majority of the workers. All but two Canadian provinces permit the automatic certification of a union if a majority of workers have signed membership cards.

The mandatory certification

pay dues to a certified union. This law seriously undermines unions' financial strength and organizational stability, thus contributing to union decertifications.

The United States National Labour Relations Board (NLRB) under Reagan has consistently reinterpreted U.S. labour laws to favour management. The American Federation of Labour-Council of Industrial Organization (AFL-CIO) reported in 1985 that two-thirds of the Board's decisions have been pro-management, compared to 27 per cent under the Board appointed by Jimmy Carter.

The U.S. is virtually alone among Western industrialized nations in denying its employees the right to strike. It is a criminal act for a federal employee to strike.

As president of the Canadian Manufacturers' Association Laurent Thibault pointed out, "It's simply a fact that, if we ask our industries to compete toe to toe with American industries... we in Canada will obviously be forced to create the same conditions in Canada that exist in the US, whether its the unemployment insurance scheme, Workmen's Compensation, the cost of government, the level of taxation, or whatever."

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vote in the U.S. has meant that coercive and illegal tactics can be used to keep unions out of the workplace. Paul Weiler, former chair of the British Columbia Labour Relations Board and now professor of law at Harvard University found the per capita number of wrongful dismissal complaints arising from organizing campaigns in the U.S. was 25 times greater than in Canada. Similarly, Weiler found that annual union growth in the U.S. was dwarfed by that in Canada.

American "right-to work" laws permit workers in a unionized workplace to opt not to belong or

Women will be major losers

As workers, women are the most vulnerable under free trade conditions. In studies conducted for the MacDonald Commission—the commission which recommended free trade to the Mulroney government—textiles, clothing, food processing, electrical and electronic products, and leather products are identified as the likely losers under free trade. These industries employ mostly women.

Marjorie Cohen, vice-president of the National Action Committee on the Status of Women, believes the BFTA will be detrimental to women.

the least likely to find new jobs because they are older than the average female worker and have less education. And if they do not lose their jobs, competitive pressures will force their wages to lower or worsen their working conditions.

More devastating to women is free trade's impact on services. Not only do services represent 70 per cent of Canadian jobs, and 80 per cent of the new jobs created in the last decade, but 80 per cent of women are employed by the industry.

In the services sector, the free trade agreement includes non-tariff barriers like the "right to establish-

ment", the right to "national treatment", and the creation of a separate dispute settlement mechanism. In other words, American multinational conglomerates will be receiving the same treatment as Canadian firms in the service industry. This will assure American companies of a free market environment in Canada. This is an industry in which we are relatively uncompetitive compared to the U.S.

"What is increasingly important to the U.S. economy is the export of services. With the decline in manufacturing exports, the US desperately needs to export more services so that its huge trade deficit... can be reduced," added Cohen.

Big business free-for-all

It is clear the business agenda is not interested in labour interests, but in minimizing costs and maximizing profits in a secure, certain environment. A front page article in the November 5-7 pro-business *Financial Post* reveals the agenda of free trade as de-regulation and privatization—the Mulroney administration's pet projects since 1984. Following a headline "Business the big loser in minority government", the *Post* writes, "[a minority government] is likely to be activist, progressive, and populist."

There is a vital and self-perpetuating need in business to install a low-risk, certain, and profitable environment for capital. This requires low labour costs or a labour force which can be technologically displaced. In the free trade debate, the politicians are diverting attention away from business' real interests by trying to convince Canadians that the political and economic agenda of big business is aligned to workers' interests.



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The following are excerpts from an essay by Jack Coop entitled 'Free Trade and the Militarization of the Canadian Economy'. Coop is the director of Lawyers for Social Responsibility, a national organization of lawyers, law professors and jurists concerned about peace and security issues.

Compiled by Daniel Brock.

The Bilateral Free Trade Agreement threatens to militarize the Canadian economy at an accelerated pace unprecedented in the history of this country. Fought for by powerful Canadian weapons industries and heralded by the critically condemned defense White Paper, it represents the triumph of American defense policy in planning over a Canadian way of life.

The mechanism by which this change is taking place is unstated in the free trade agreement itself, has been largely overlooked by the media, but is nevertheless undeniable and well documented. A system of Canadian subsidies to the Canadian military industry and a binational framework of Canada/U.S. treaties in existence since 1959 are the infrastructure of the change. The agreement's practical effect of eliminating all non-military subsidies, traditionally relied upon by Canada for regional development and research and development, is the catalyst.

With the implementation of the BFTA, Canada will increasingly be forced to rely on military spending as the only legal means of furthering its regional and research and development needs.

In 1959 Canada accelerated the integration of its military economy with that of the United States. In the hope of recapturing some of the high-tech jobs lost through the cancellation of the Avro Arrow program, it entered into Defense Production Sharing Arrangements (DPSA) with the U.S.

The effect of the DPSA was, in broad terms, to give Canadian industry unrestricted access to the U.S. weapons market. One major restriction incorporated into the arrangements, which remains to this day, is that the U.S. serves as the designer and manufacturer of major weapons systems, and Canada is relegated to supplying components to those systems.

In 1963 a significant amendment was made to the DPSA. In a protocol called the Defense Development Sharing Program (DDSP) the two countries agreed that their weapons imports and exports should be kept in "rough balance". This means that to this day Canada must either directly or through its industries buy as much military hardware from the US as its industries sell in the US.

One commentator has likened the DPSA/DDSP arrangements to a kind of "autopact in defense trade

ware. Equally, the DPSA and DDSP enable Canada to fund the purchases of expensive military hardware and weapons systems from the US by the credit received through sales contracts to the US.

A well documented case in point was Canada's decision in the early 1980s to heavily subsidize Litton Systems Canada so it could become the primary supplier to the US of the Cruise Missile Inertial Navigation System. Through DIP, Litton was awarded over \$22 million to retool its factories and was granted a further five year interest free loan of \$22.5 million. By supporting Litton's bid for Cruise business, the Canadian Government helped finance its own purchase of 138 CF-18 fighter aircraft for the Canadian military. The \$5 billion price tag on these fighter planes, payable to McDonnell-Douglas in the US, was in part offset by \$3.1 billion worth of work awarded to Litton in its sub-contract with the same firm and by work on the CF-18 itself.

The net result is that sales and procurements are tied, and entirely self-serving. They do not reflect the needs and aspirations of the Canadian people so much as the needs of the Canadian and American weapons industries.

The White Paper

In June of 1987, Minister of National Defence Perrin Beatty released the Conservative government's White Paper on Defence, entitled "Challenge and Commitment". Even the most casual reading of this document makes it clear that the 'Challenge' referred to is the Soviet Threat and the 'Commitment' is a commitment to a massive

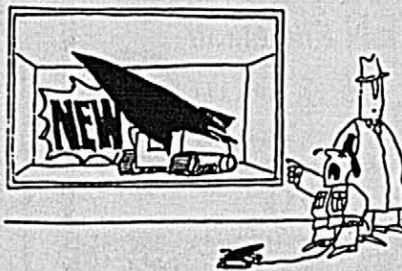
increase in arms expenditures. The White Paper is put forward as a blue print for Canada's defense policy for the next fifteen years. And it is aggressively and unabashedly in favor of militarizing the Canadian economy. If it were merely expenditures to massively 'upgrade' the Canadian armed forces, there might be cause for consolation. But the necessity of increased militarization of the Canadian economy through increased participation

forms of subsidies to manufacturing and resource industries, while at the same time exempting military industry from the operation of the agreement.

This over-arching objective is nowhere expressly stated in the free trade agreement. It is only when one compares the goals of the White Paper with the cumulative affect of the BFTA that a picture of a militarized Canadian economy emerges in high relief. By virtue of what it does not say the free trade agreement, and its supporters (who seem to have considerable difficulty stating what it does say) have seriously misled the Canadian people. Tempted with an illusory bait, we are about to swallow an unseen hook, line and sinker of major economic proportions.

US trade legislation was amended after the agreement was signed by the passage of the Omnibus trade bill (OTB), a bill which gives American industries a level of protection that far exceeds that provided by any previous existing trade laws. Under the OTB many Canadian industries previously exempted from American trade legislation could be sued for damages because of government subsidies or so-called unfair pricing practices.

The free trade agreement does not include as yet a definition of continued on page 16



under the DPSA and the DDSP is clearly stated by the White Paper to be part of the 'plan'. The plan is the North American Defense Industrial Base, a cooperative effort with the United States in the development and production of defense equipment intended to integrate Canadian and American defense needs.

The free trade agreement

The free trade agreement is the means by which the White paper is implemented. It effectively eliminates as economic alternatives all



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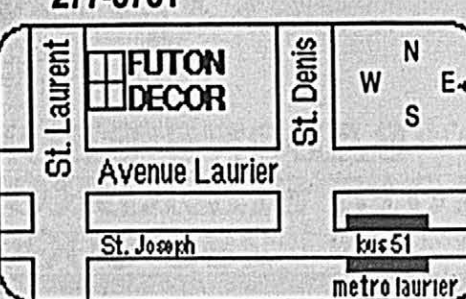
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what will constitute unfair trading practices. This task has been left up to a bi-national working group which has seven years in which to draw up a satisfactory definition. Until that time at least, American trade legislation can still apply without restriction to Canadian exports. And even then a successful effort to change the US definitions of those terms will, for practical purposes, require the US to repeal its trade legislation. Obviously it is the continuing position of the US, at this time, that the radical provisions of the OTB are "not inconsistent with the object and progress of the FTA."

The trade agreement does include one important exemption provision. Under the BFTA the 'traffic' of arms, ammunition and implements of war and all other similar traffic which directly or indirectly supplies the armed forces of either country is off limits to any trade action undertaken by either party.

No other industry is afforded such a blanket exemption under the agreement. All other Canadian industries, be they manufacturing of consumer goods, resource, service or banking are caught by the BFTA and will be either gutted indirectly by American trade legislation, or directly by the provisions of the Agreement itself, designed to establish a 'level playing field'.

Canadian critics of the deal argue that virtually every indigenous Canadian industry and economic program will be negatively affected by it, including collective bargaining, the auto industry, Crown corporations, tax programs favoring small businesses, unemployment, medicare, our schools systems, agriculture, fishing, forestry and environmental safeguards to name but a few.

Even if these services and programs should withstand the onslaught of free trade, there is no escaping the fact that traditional Canadian manufacturing and resource industries will be hurt by the U.S. enforcement of its trade legislation. As the regional development programs and subsidies which have nurtured and supported these industries over the years are rendered ineffective or withdrawn in the face of U.S. countervailing duties, where will the private capital go? It will follow the subsidies. And the only effective and permissible subsidies will be for military industries.

Such a migration of private capital and the proliferation of military industry will be perfectly suited to the objectives of the Mulroney government. It will increase Canada's commitment to and integration with the North American Defence Industrial Base. In short, over the next seven year period at least, free trade will facilitate a massive transfusion of private capital into the Canadian military industry, accomplishing one of the primary requirements of the White Paper: the militarization of the Canadian economy.

LETTERS

To the Daily:

I am writing to express my shock and disgust with M.N. Syed's recent letter (*Daily*, Nov. 2). The only message I perceived from the letter in question was a constant, redundant, anti-Semitic and anti-Zionist theme.

Oh, I know how I shouldn't lump anti-Semitism and anti-Zionism together because oppose Israel doesn't infer hatred to Jews, right. Some of M.N. Syed's accusations point otherwise. With allegations such as the "US Defence and State Departments have become an instrument of Israeli grand designs in the region," and "one often wonders whether it (the US Congress) is elected to serve the American people or the interests of world Zionism," one need not look much below the surface to see the features of world Jewish conspiracy creeping out. I'm sure that M.N. Syed would enjoy reading *The Protocols of the Elders of Zion*, it's all about those fallacies and paranoias of a world Jewish conspiracy that M.N. Syed is, to borrow a catchphrase, trying "to ram down out throats." It contains a "web of lies and misinformation" that I am confident Syed is familiar with.

There are enough problems in the Middle East without adding to them in the fashion shown by S.N. Syed. Hatred, suspicion, and paranoia will get us nowhere. Let us only hope that cooler heads prevail in the Middle East and rational thought leads to peace.

A.M. Dodek
U1 Arts



To the Daily:

I would like to comment on the recent letter by Gil Vicente, PhD Poli Sci, attacking Mr. David Latulippe's letter of October 21, 1988. I am truly tired of Mr. Vicente's and others, including the *Daily's*, continual biased reporting of the "facts" concerning those helpless and innocent Palestinian masses and those evil Israelis.

Firstly, Israel has *not* annexed the West Bank, and Mr. Vicente states. She has annexed the Golan Heights. Mr. Vicente accuses Israel of "lawless warmongering in the Middle East." What utter rubbish! It was the combined armed forces of Syria, Jordan, Egypt and their confrères that were amassed on Israel's borders in 1948, 1967, 1973 and it was *they* that invaded Israel. Mr. Vicente insists on seeing a nation of 3.5 million as the aggressor and the surrounding hundreds of millions as the victims. Be serious!

As for "Israeli colonialism on the Palestinians" Israeli won the West Bank from Jornaian, who nineteen years before had taken the land which was meant for a Palestinian state. The war was initiated by the Arabs. Israel hoped to use the West Bank and Gaza as a bar-

gaining chip, to force the Arabs to begin negotiations. Thanks to the Arab leaders' continual stupidity they have failed to do so (except for Egypt's Sadat who was assassinated by people who considered him to be a traitor). Israel does not need the West Bank and Gaza and she will give it up when civilized Palestinians agree to negotiate with Israel, not the 'non-existent Zionist entity.'

As for Israel turning the "hapless victims [of the 1948-9 war] into refugees", it was the Arab nations that turned their brothers and sisters into refugees and have kept them as such to this day. Israel absorbed as many Jewish refugees exiled from Arab lands as there were Palestinians left without a home in 1949.

Concerning Lebanon, Mr Vicente, you can give that country the credit for detroying herself. It is the Christian and Muslim Arabs at each others' throats that have destroyed Lebanon, not Israel. As for Israel blowing up the Iraqi nuclear plant in 1981—would anyone want a leader who killed thousands of Iraqi Kurdish citizens with chemical weapons in possession of a nuclear bomb?

And Mr. Vicente Israel has *everything* to fear from "the stone throwing adolescent boys and girls of the Occupied territories." The moment that they throw stones and Molotov cocktails they are no longer "boys and girls". When the US experience anti-Vietnam and civil rights protests in the 60's the National Guard and police used force and killed more that one innocent civilian—and they were not calling for downfall of America.

As for Palestinians in Israel, they are more than "tolerated in Eretz Israel." They are citizens of Israel with full rights including the right to vote. And they are not longer Palestinians but Israelis.

Finally, yes, Meir Kahane is a dangerous radical, or "weirdo" as Mr Vicente describes him, but if Kahane is a weirdo then how would Arafat, Shoukairy, Assad and even King Hussein be termed? Obviously, by Mr. Vicente's warped thinking, they are nothing short of saints.

Terrence Levine
U2 Science

To the Daily:

I am writing in response to Gil Vicente's letter of October 26, who among others that have written to the *Daily*, are shamelessly criticizing Israel's policies towards her Arab neighbors without questioning the motives for course of action. I have read far too many blasphemous letters on the issue, and I can no longer be silent. What is essential to Israel's policies is the implication as to where she is geographically located. This is what, in effect, those who have written to the *Daily* criticizing Israel have tended to neglect. I have always believed that it is quite simple for students to criticize Israel based upon the knowledge they have acquired in their textbooks. My suggestion to Mr. Vicente (PhD?) and those who agree with his point of view is to tour Israel, thereby seeing how the Israeli citizens are faced by hostile

neighbours on all sides of their borders and how they live under a constant state of fear that one or all of their neighbors (except Egypt) are planning a surprise attack. If someone is going to pass judgement on the actions of Israeli leaders towards their neighbors, they should at least get to know the area in practice; instead of in theory.

Then, and only then, can he or she voice an opinion; but not before. It is only fair that we look at the other side of the coin: Israel's constant battle to tread above water in a region where her neighbors are her enemies whose ultimate goal it is to see her destruction. Think about it.

Lydia Mamane
Poli Sci U3



To the Daily:

The Israeli-Palestinian conflict is complex enough without both sides spouting propaganda. Until it is realized that neither side is blameless, no solution will ever be reached.

The article which unleashed this war of letters was irresponsible. The article was about Israeli hardliners and left the impression that the Likud and Kach parties represent the entire Israeli public. This is the same as saying the Larouche Party and John Birch Society represent all of America.

The Labour Party and the Peace Now Party both advocate compromise on the territories leading to an independant Palestinian state. To balance the article about the Likud perhaps an article should be devoted to the Labour Party's platform or an article about Palestinian hardliners who advocate violence rather than compromise.

Facts have been edited by both sides of this debate. Israel has annexed the Golan Heights for a valid strategic reason (it overlooks the entire Gaulee Region). The only part of the West Bank annexed by Israel was East Jerusalem, since the city has great religious significance to the Jewish state. Thus both Mr. Felsen and of the West Bank and that Israel had annexed the West Bank (respectively) are false.

Mr. Latulippe and Ms. Jones have each edited history. It is true that the Arab leadership told the Palestinians to leave, but it is also true that extreme elements among the Jews helped the decision to leave. Jewish declarations to the Palestinians to remain were half hearted at best.

Dir Yasin was both an anomaly and the norm in the Israeli war of independence. On the whole it was an anomaly for the Haganah units which made up the majority of Israeli forces. For the minority, extreme Lehi (to collective Israeli shame) it was unfortunately the norm. To condemn all of Israel for

Lehi's actions impedes progress for peace just as condemning all Palestinians for the actions of the Abu Nidal group does.

Mr. Syed's letter is very disturbing. He claims that Israel butchers old men, women and children. Mr. Syed has a flair for hyperbole. Butchering is what the Nazis did to the Jews, what Stalin did to the Ukrainians, what the Iraqis did to the Kurds and what is occurring now in Burundi. In Gaza and the West Bank Arabs have died during rioting. While this should not be condoned, one should be more exact in describing sensitive situations. Mr. Syed's version of American politics seems quite biased. It is similar to the white supremists' label for the American Government—the Zionist occupied government Israel is dependant on the United States economically and militarily. Thus, the USA cannot be a pawn or 'instrument' of Israel. Most likely and probably the reverse scenario.

All of the letters have mentioned the label Zionist. A definition is long overdue. Zionism is a movement that advocates the building of a Jewish homeland in the historical Jewish homeland Israel as a haven for Jews from persecution. This is a form of nationalism. Unfortunately it conflicts with another form of nationalism—Palestinian. It is not imperialist in itself, only in some extreme interpretations.

In this letter I have tried to be impartial, since impartiality is needed to solve this conflict. However, I find myself on the whole more sympathetic towards Israel. Two unanswered questions about the Palestinians exist. Why was the PLO formed three years before there were occupied territories? Why did the Palestinians not demand a state when said territories were in Arab hands?

Micheal Hair
U1 Science



To the Daily:

It's a good thing M.N. Syed and company exposed my "web of lies and misinformation" that I tried to "ram down everyone's throats." Shucks! And I thought I was only exercising my right to freedom of expression. Perhaps if Mr. Syed doesn't like freedom of expression he should visit Syria, Jorda, Iraq or any number of totalitarian Arab governments in the region. In Israel, however, his letter of November 2 would have been published with no problem. And what a letter it was!

"World Zionism" Mr. Syed? The "US Defense and State Departments instruments of Israeli grand designs in the region"? Does Mr. Syed's reading list, besides several anti-Israeli propaganda books, include *Mein Kampf*? A "Pax-Israelina" over the Middle

East? Last time I checked, Israel traded the Sinai for peace with Egypt, the only Arab country that would speak with Israel. Or were the evil Israelis just fooling around, tricking us with some "grand scheme"?

Mr. Syed's rabid hatred for Israel and insulting language, as well as Gil Vicente's sweeping unacademic generalizations concerning Israelis (Oct. 26—"Israelis, and not just weirdos like Meir Kahane, are still convinced that Israel belongs to them because the Bible says so, and that Palestinians are a pack of Amalekites") virtually maims their case for Palestinian rights. The Palestinian's plight is deplorable; but ridiculous allegations, name-calling and finger-pointing towards Israel is counterproductive and unfair. As I stated in my first letter, the situation is more complex than that. My only objective is to show people that other opinions exist besides the "Israel is to blame for everything" sentiment heretofore expressed in the *Daily*.

In closing, I suggest that Mr. Syed and company go to the gym, work off some steam, and then, if they wish, respond to this letter in a dignified manner. But go quickly, before the World Zionists take over the Currie Gym...

David Latulippe
U1 Arts
To the Daily:

Thanks for printing my letter (Oct. 31), even though it was critical of you. You misprinted one thing, however. I wrote that "The Israeli soldiers surpassed that arabs only in *morale*, determination, etc...", not *morals*. I don't want to be accused of calling one soldier more moral than another, since this has nothing to do with my argument.

David Latulippe
U1 Arts

To the Daily:

There is a bronze sculpture entitled "Square Forms with Circles" by Barbara Hepworth opposite the Administration Building. This work of art is often used as a place to hang posters for different events on campus. Every time I walk by that beautiful sculpture I rip off more posters. They would do much better if they were hung in the Arts or Leacock Buildings where there is ample room on the bulletin boards than defacing a work of art.

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(March 23, 1987) claims that Natives could be the "big losers" if free

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consider historical entitlements— notably tax exemptions for status Indians living on reserves and cash settlements arising from land claims."

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Native are organizing and increasingly militant. The policy questions in the area of aboriginal rights that will have to be faced in the next decade may elevate the intensity of conflict between natives and non-natives. We may be presently only seeing the tip of the iceberg in disputes involving the settlement of aboriginal land claims, the legitimacy of proposals for native self-government, and the constitutional development of the Northwest Territories and the Yukon. In all such cases the granting of special status to Natives, or the affirmation of aboriginal title to land and resources, inevitably have implications for the rights and privileges of non-natives, the stakes are high, accommodation will not be easy.

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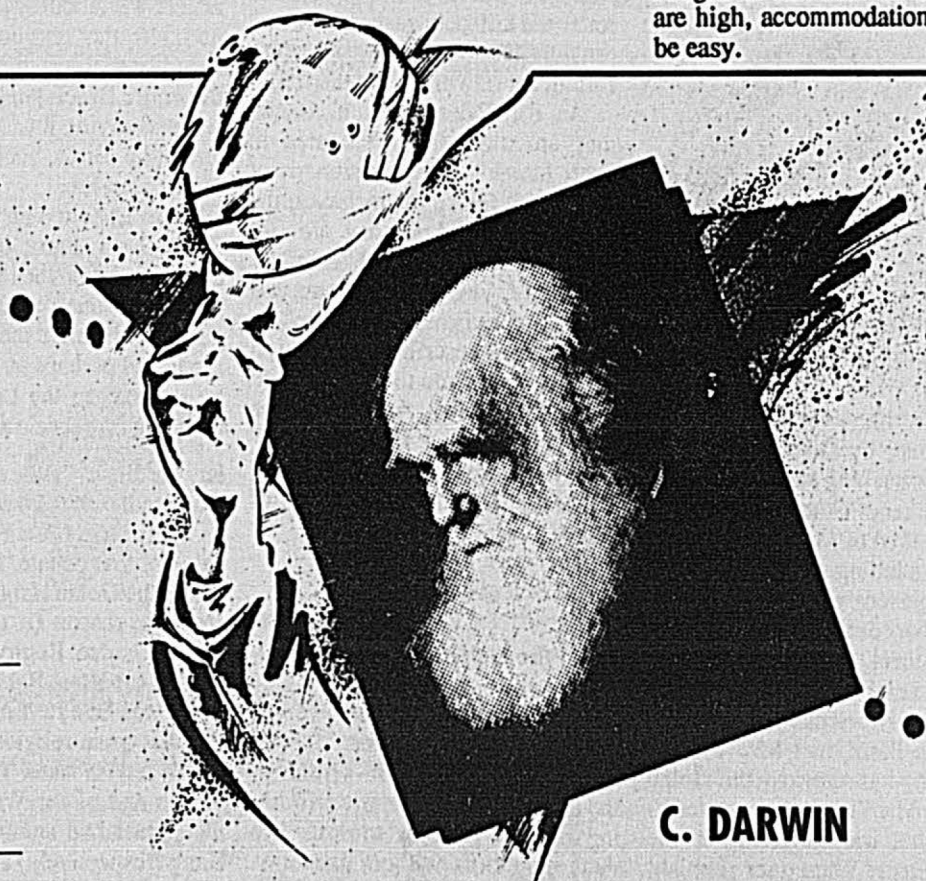
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374 - PERSONAL

Need Information? Feeling lonely? Just want to chat? Then call McGill Nightline! We are students talking to students. 398-6246, 7 days a week, 6 p.m. to 3 a.m. Anonymous and confidential.

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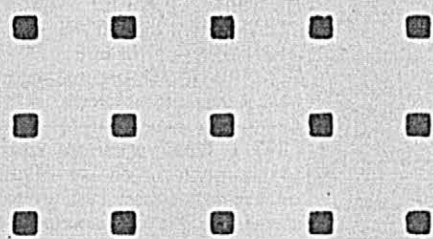
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